

**G. REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (RMA)**

**Purpose:** To describe the general eligibility requirements for a client to receive refugee medical assistance.

**WAC 388-400-0035 Refugee medical assistance--Summary of eligibility requirements.**

- (1) To be eligible for refugee medical assistance (RMA), persons must:
  - (a) Provide the name of the voluntary agency (VOLAG) which resettled them; and
  - (b) Meet the immigration status requirements of WAC 388-466-0005.
- (2) Except for a person who is not eligible under subsection (3) of this section, a person is eligible for RMA if the person:
  - (a) Receives refugee cash assistance (RCA); or
  - (b) Is eligible for but chooses not to apply for or receive RCA.
- (3) Persons are not eligible to receive RMA if they are:
  - (a) Eligible for Medicaid;
  - (b) Are not eligible for RCA because they have not met the employment and training requirements of WAC 388-466-0015; or
  - (c) Are full-time students in institutions of higher education unless the educational activity is part of a department-approved employability plan.
- (4) Refugee families, including families with children who are United States citizens, will be treated as single assistance units according to chapter 388-408 WAC.
- (5) A person meeting the requirements of this section is eligible for RMA only during the eight-month period beginning in the first month the person entered the United States.

- (6) A recipient of RCA and RMA who becomes ineligible for RCA due to an increase in income remains eligible for extended RMA benefits until the end of the eighth month period following entry into the United States.
- (7) A person will have his or her eligibility for RMA determined based on the rules for the medically needy program if the person is:
  - (a) Not eligible for Medicaid; or
  - (b) Not eligible for RCA because of excess income, unless the person is eligible for extended RMA under subsection (6) of this section.